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DEPT PASS BONNY HENDERSON, OPIC FROM PARNELL

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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND TRANSNATIONAL CORP.

REF: MASERU 0736

1. LNDC HAS REQUESTED OPIC ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF UPCOMING CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND TRANSNATIONAL CORP. (REFTEL) TO BE HELD IN MASERU OCTOBER 11-14, 1976, SPONSORED BY LNDC ON BEHALF GOL TO COINCIDE WITH 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. APPROXIMATELY 350 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE WHICH ATTEMPTS PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND FOREIGN INVESTORS. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM, PROSPECTIVE SPEAKERS, INVITES BEING POUCHED. LNDC WANTS TO INVITE SENIOR OPIC OFFICIAL TO SPEAK.

2. SUGGEST CONTACT PERRY FOR COPY REFTEL.

3. SUGGEST CHECK MAYS, GREGG TRAVEL SCHEDULE TO SEE IF VISIT MASERU FOR CONFERENCE FEASIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE POST ASAP SO FORMAL INVITATION MAY BE FORWARDED APPROPRIATE OPIC OFFICIAL.

4. EMBASSY OFFERING FULL SUPPORT TO CONFERENCE, INCLUDING PAYMENT EXPENSES OF U.S. BUSINESSMAN TO PARTICIPATE. RODMAN ROCKEFELLER HAS BEEN INVITED. OTHER SPEAKERS ACCEPTING INCLUDE: W.R. STEPHENS,
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MAN. DIR. AND CHAIRMAN , ICI, THAHANE, IBRD, HARVEY, BANK OF

BOTSWANA, OPPENHEIMER, CHAIRMAN , ANGLO-AMERICAN (TENTATIVE), AND VARIOUS ACADEMICIANS. OTHER SPEAKERS INVITED, BUT NOT YET ACCEPTING INCLUDE R. GARDINER, GOVT OF C GHANA, D. FOSTER, PRES., COLGATE PALMOLIVE, D. ORR, CHAIRMAN, UNILEVER, L.C. ROLL, CHAIRMAN, KELLOGG, R.B. SELLANS, CHAIRMAN, JOHNSON AND JOHNSON, SAIGO, DIRECTOR, MITSUBISHI, VAN DORSEN, CDC.

5. LNDC ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF SHORT LETTER FROM MAYS OR GREGG TO OTHER U.S. CHIEF EXECs OR CHAIRMEN INVITED (APPROX 50) COMMENDING CONFERENCE AS EXCELLENT FORUM FOR PRESENTATION MNC SIDE OF STORY, NOTING OPIC SUPPORT OF CONCEPT, AND OPIC PARTICIPATION IF FORTHCOMING. (LIST OF US INVITEES ALSO BEING POUCHED.)

6. COMMENT: GURR, LNDC, INHERITED PLANS PLANS FOR CONFERENCE FROM PREDECESSOR WITH LITTLE PRELIMINARY WORK ACCOMPLISHED AND INADEQUATE LEAD TIME (WHICH COULD HURT ATTENDANCE). INVITATIONS ONLY SENT THIS MONTH SO NO IDEA OF RESPONSE. GURR FEARS CONFERENCE COULD END UP WITH ABUNDANCE OF INPUT FROM ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND INADEQUATE MNC REPRESENTATION, THUS REQUEST FOR OPIC/USG SUPPORT. REALIZE SHORT LEAD TIME COULD LIMIT OPIC ASSISTANCE, BUT SUPPORT OF ANY KIND WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN OPIC RELATIONSHIP WITH LNDC. ALBERTI

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